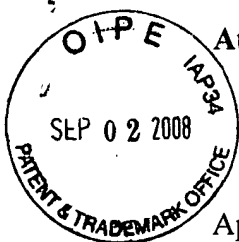


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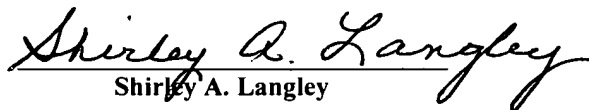
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RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the Final Office Action of June 2, 2008 which allowed claims 4, 5, 9-11, 13, 14, 27, indicated claims 16, 18, 20, 30 and 31 would be allowed if written in independent form, and rejected the remaining claims only under §103(a) in view of various combinations of prior art references.

In response, please amend this application as follows: